IN THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 to 10 (canceled).

Claim 11 (previously presented): A packing sleeve for a cylinder in a printing press, the packing sleeve being an intermediate sleeve for a printing plate or printing blanket comprising:

an evacuatable structure of voids; and

an outer surface radially external to the voids for supporting the printing plate or printing blanket, the outer surface including at least one recess for fixing the printing plate or printing blanket.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The packing sleeve as recited in claim 11 wherein the evacuatable structure of voids includes a plurality of individual voids or a plurality of voids of the evacuatable structure are connected.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The packing sleeve as recited in claim 11 wherein the voids run substantially parallel to a central axis of the packing sleeve.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The packing sleeve as recited in claim 11 wherein the outer surface is the outer surface of a right-circular cylinder.

Claim 15 (canceled).

Claim 16 (previously presented): The packing sleeve as recited claim 11 wherein the packing sleeve includes an inner surface having at least one recess or one projection.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The packing sleeve as recited in claim 11 further comprising at least one annular lateral plate including a cavity connected to the evacuatable structure.

Claims 18 and 19 (canceled).

Claim 20 (previously presented): A method for increasing the outer diameter of a cylinder in a printing press comprising the step of:

drawing the packing sleeve as recited in claim 11 over the cylinder.

Claim 21 (previously presented): The packing sleeve as recited claim 11 wherein the evacuatable structure of voids is configured such that when a negative pressure is generated in the evacuatable structure, at least one of the inner diameter of the packing sleeve increases or the outer diameter of the packing sleeve decreases.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The packing sleeve as recited claim 11 wherein the voids are arranged in concentric groups at different distances from the center axis of the packing sleeve.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The packing sleeve as recited in claim 22 wherein the voids in each group are located azimuthally offset with respect to adjacent voids in adjacent groups.

Claim 24 (previously presented): The packing sleeve as recited claim 11 wherein the at least one recess is v-shaped for receiving bent-over edges of a printing plate.

Claim 25 (previously presented): The packing sleeve as recited claim 11 wherein the voids are arranged in a honeycomb structure.

Claim 26 (previously presented): A method for mounting a printing plate or printing blanket on a cylinder comprising:

evacuating the voids of the packing sleeve recited in claim 11;

placing the packing sleeve over the cylinder; and.

placing the printing blanket or printing plate over the packing sleeve.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The method recited in claim 26 wherein the voids of the packing sleeve are evacuated when the printing blanket or printing plate is placed over the packing sleeve.

Claim 28 (previously presented): The method recited in claim 26 wherein the printing blanket or printing plate is placed over the packing sleeve before the packing sleeve is placed over the cylinder.